

What it's all about

by PAUL ALLEN

SOMEbody seems always to be trying to take the joy out of courtship. That's hard on young people, especially in the cities, where courting is hard enough in any circumstances. The latest effort to stave off Cupid is made in Washington, D. C., where Police Captain Cornell insists on placing brilliant lights on the upper decks of motor buses. He says that the bus tops are "too popular with petters." How does the captain expect boys and girls of Washington to get married if they have no opportunity to get acquainted? There can be no mating without a place for meeting.



INSTEAD OF MAKING IT harder for the modern youth to practice lovemaking, public authorities ought to give attention to some ways of making it easier. Unless this is done we greatly fear that there will be an outbreak of bootleg petting, and everybody knows that the bootleg product is much more fatal than the real stuff. The mating urge is something that won't be blocked by laws, rules, regulations or police captains.

NEW BRUNSWICK IS A COLLEGE town. Students from Rutgers, "on the banks of the old Raritan," walk about the streets just like ordinary folks. Girls with midget green straw hats perched on top of their heads and carrying great paper market baskets swarm everywhere. This unusual style excited our curiosity. We hailed one of the girls, "Why do you wear a hat like that?" "Freshman," she stammered faintly. This evidence of higher learning in New Jersey should encourage mothers and



fathers who have youngsters in college.

A VISITOR TO NEW BRUNSWICK would never pick it as a place for staging a cruel murder. The quiet little city breathes an air of quiet, country-like simplicity. The shocking tragedy has not excited the curiosity of all of its citizens. We stop at a corner to ask where Mrs. Hall lives. "Who is Mrs. Hall?" asks a grocery boy—and that not more than three blocks from the residence of the woman being tried for her life. Again, we ask a young mother wheeling her baby, "Where is Jimmy Mills's home?" Her reply, "I never heard of the gentleman," is startling in view of the whole world's interest in the death of his wife. This shows that Americans living in small communities have not the curiosity they are credited with. They are interested in normal, everyday affairs, so much so that in our visit to New Brunswick we finally had to get correct information from a mail carrier and a policeman, the only two persons of some ten or twelve to whom we spoke that seemed to know anything positive about the celebrated murder case.

NICHOLAS DE VADASZ, Hungarian portrait painter who has arrived in this country, says he is here in search of beauty. So is Suzanne Lehgen, so is Queen Marie of Rumania, so are 10,874 European lecturers. They're all over here in search of beauty — the beauty of the gold in American dollars.



NEW JERSEY HAD ITS BITTER experience with bootleg spooning. But after the Hall-Mills murder De Russey's lane dwindled in popularity. This writer visited De Russey's lane in the broad glare of an afternoon's sun a day or two ago. By daylight there is nothing alluring or romantic in its aspect. It is deep rutted with hardcaked mud. A line of severe telegraph poles parades from its foot up over the brow of a harsh

bleak, barren, musty place. The surroundings have little to suggest soft tenderness of devotion. There is an old German proverb that truly says, "Where there is love no faults are seen." With that in mind we can understand why De Russey's lane was attractive to lovers.

JUSTICE MORSCHAUSER IN White Plains has taken in hand ending domestic difficulties. To a man who deserted his wife he said: "This is not Turkey, this is America." The court's effort to patch up a broken domestic lute was admirable, but we don't quite get his point about Turkey. The males of that nation never yet had to be forced to live with women. The true Turkish gentleman gathered as

many wives about him as his resources permitted. That, of course, was before the modern movement struck the Turk. Perhaps now husbands are hot-footing it away from the harems—but we doubt it.

FREE COP IN ASSAULT

Corporal Andrew Grimes of the state police, stationed at Montgomery, has been acquitted by a jury in Supreme Court, White Plains, on a charge of second-degree assault made by Louis D. Haight of Kent, Putnam county.

CHANGE FOR BUSES

The town of Greenburg has granted the Third Avenue Railway Company permission to substitute buses for its surface cars in that town.

SHARK-KILLING BUSINESS BOOMS IN CUBAN WATERS

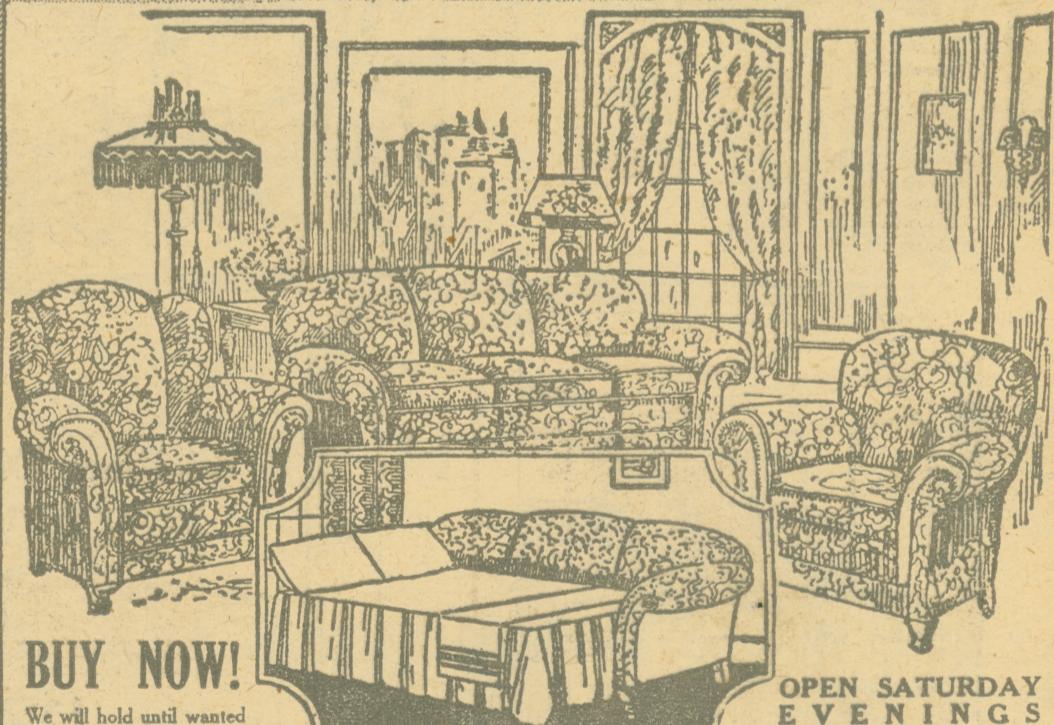
HAVANA, CUBA.—Shark-killing on a commercial scale has begun on the south coast of Cuba as a result of a concession granted by the Cuban government to a Havana concern.

Sharks ranging from five to nineteen feet in length swarm the waters surrounding the island. Numerous complaints have been made to the government by fishermen that sharks are devouring smaller fish.

The Havana company intends to make the shark skin into leather, and to sell the dried shark fins to the large Chinese colony residing here.

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